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40,000 JEWS GO TO POLLS IN POLISH ELECTIONS; TERROR INTENSIFIED ON EVE OF VOTE

WARSAW, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Forty-thousand Polish Jews--about half of those remaining in the country--went to the polls today in the first post-war elections to be held in Poland. There is little doubt that virtually everyone of them voted for the government slate.

Wherever possible, Jews stayed off the streets today and made no inter-city journeys, a practice which they have been following for several weeks now, since the election campaign grew more violent. Guards have been placed around Jewish institutions such as children's homes, hospitals and cultural centers.

The precautions were made necessary by the increased tempo of terrorist activity, stimulated by anti-government forces which intensified their activities on the eve of the elections. Yesterday, for example, there were three attacks on trains, in the vicinity of Lublin, Bialystok and Zheshev. Underground bandits halted the trains and went through the coaches searching for Jews and "democrats." It is not yet known how many casualties they inflicted.

Unfortunately, the ranks of the government supporters are not entirely free of anti-Semitism. During a pro-government election demonstration in Wroclaw (Breslau) the participants shouted: "Long live democracy--but without the Jews."

HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL NOT USE SWEEPING POWERS GIVEN HIM; FAVORS POLITICAL SOLUTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, who returned from London on Friday with the most sweeping powers ever granted a High Commissioner since Britain assumed the mandate, does not plan to exercise them, because he is convinced that a solution of the Palestine problem can be found only through political means, and not by military action, it was learned today following a meeting yesterday between Sir Alan and David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

Ben Gurion, who was scheduled to leave today for London, is understood to have had a cordial discussion with the High Commissioner, covering all the major political issues involved in the Palestine crisis, but not the immediate problems of extremist activity and allied questions.

Reporting yesterday to a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive, Zionist leaders stressed that the British Government has still not disclosed its real intentions concerning a final solution of the Palestine problem. Meanwhile, informed circles warned that the contemplated informal talks between Jewish leaders and the government should not be interpreted as being on the same level as the Palestine conference, which opens Tuesday. The projected talks will merely be "feelers," they said.

Relations between the Jews in Palestine and the Arabs, which have been of concern to Jewish leaders recently in light of belligerent statements by Jamal Husseini and other Arab spokesmen, were defused last night by Goldie Meirson, head of the

political department of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, addressing a public meeting in Tel Aviv. "We want peace," Mrs. Meirson said, "but if war is waged against us, we will act accordingly. We strive for peaceful achievements of our aims of free immigration and independence, but we shall achieve them in other ways if there is no alternative." At the same time, she counselled against the use of terrorism.

Arab Band Attacks Jewish Youth Group; Dispersed By British Police

A new attempt by Arab extremists to stimulate Arab-Jewish tension was made today when a group of young members of the Histadruth who were touring the country near Herzlia were attacked by about 100 members of the Hajada, the so-called Arab army, who fired several shots at the youths. They were frightened away by mobile police, who tonight were searching for the attackers.

Police are also hunting for about a dozen army vehicles stolen during the last few days from military installations in various parts of the country, and for a black taxicab which was taken in Jerusalem. Patrols were urged to use caution if they spot any of the vehicles, as they are believed to have been stolen by Jewish extremists for use in attacks against British forces.

The municipal council of Rishon le Zion today challenged the accuracy of an army communique which announced on Friday that a quantity of wire used in making bomb fuses had been found in a factory near the settlement. The council said that the roll of wire was of a type used in binding cases of citrus fruit.

A landmine large enough to destroy a three-ton military truck was discovered and disarmed on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road during the week-end. Police described the mine as of "particularly ingenious" design.

A report received from Cyprus says that 2,000 Jews at the Caracolas camp there refused today to move to winter quarters at Xylotymbou, allegedly because restrictions on intra-camp movement are more rigid at the latter place.

Mrs. Adele Levy, who has just completed a tour of Jewish communities in Europe, arrived here yesterday. She is on a special mission for the United Jewish Appeal.

AGUDAS ISRAEL LEADER ATTACKS DECISION OF JEWISH AGENCY NOT TO ATTEND LONDON CONFERENCE

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A sharp attack on the decision of the Jewish Agency not to participate in the London Conference on Palestine was made today by H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, during a debate at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Goodman challenged the right of the Agency to speak on behalf of all the Jewish people in matters relating to Palestine, and said that he believed a grave mistake was being made by Zionist leaders in refusing to attend the London talks. If Jewish representatives had attended the conference when its first session was held last Summer, "the position of the Jews today could not be much worse, and might be much better," he added.

The Agudas Israel spokesman urged that all efforts be concentrated on securing the admission into Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews, while political questions such as partition were postponed. He asked why Zionist leaders had not stated more clearly under what conditions they would agree to join the London parley, and accused

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, of joining with David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok in "negotiating with the government behind the backs of the Jewish people."

Replying, Prof. Brodetsky said that he felt that since the Agency was not participating in the conference, no further steps in the matter should be taken by other Jewish organizations. Neville Laski, a former president of the Board, expressed the hope that there would be consultations between the Agency and British-Jewish bodies on the question of attendance at the conference.

British Press Differs on Anticipated Results of London Conference

Virtually every important London paper had some comment or prediction this week-end on the Palestine situation on the eve of the opening of the conference. They ranged from a prediction that the government will propose partition to a forecast that the conference will accomplish nothing decisive.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday Times declares that the government has now reached a final decision on long-term policy for Palestine. Well defined proposals will be submitted to Arabs and Jews at the London conference, he said, adding that it is expected that the meeting will decide the fate of Palestine. He states that it is probable that the government proposals will be based on a partition scheme, although the exact distribution of areas and certain political aspects involved in partition may not be definitely formulated, thus offering "room for constructive suggestions" which may emerge from the talks. The government, however, is determined not to temporize any longer, the correspondent writes.

The political correspondent of the Sunday paper, News of the World, believes the government will inform the delegates at the conference that unless an agreement between Arabs and Jews can be swiftly reached, Britain will impose and put into operation her own plan, taking all necessary steps in order to ensure its being carried out. This plan includes partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish provinces and government-controlled immigration, News of the World reports.

The London Times said yesterday that there is no likelihood that American observers will attend the conference. It also stated that the Morrison-Grady "Federalization plan" was "dead" in all but a technical sense and that there is only a faint hope that the Arab plan will be acceptable since it provides for the continuation of the White Paper policy.

The liberal Manchester Guardian reported that the first item on the agenda of the Palestine parley will probably be the Palestine Arabs' modification of the previously-proposed Arab League plan. Stating that all quarters expect that parallel talks will be held with the Zionists, the Guardian forecasts that all Jewish groups will follow the lead of the Jewish Agency.

The influential London Economist predicted that the British will advance a new solution at the parley, but in the same report, hedged with another forecast that the government is likely to submit the entire matter to the United Nations.

The Labor Government faces a barrage of critical questions next week when Parliament reconvenes. A number of Conservatives and one member of the Liberal Party have already submitted questions demanding that the government give detailed statements on its Palestine policy. Other questions to be answered include requests for information on the flogging of British troops, detailed lists of British subjects killed and measures taken to protect British lives and property. A demand has also been made for a Parliamentary committee to visit Palestine.

JEWISH VETERAN CHARGES ANTI-SEMITIC SPEAKER URGED BURNING OF SYNAGOGUES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Charges of breach of the peace, brought by a Jewish veteran, Alexander H. Blacke, against Duke Pile, a speaker at a recent anti-Semitic meeting in the East End of London, were yesterday adjourned for a week.

Blacke and two other Jewish veterans testified that the defendant demanded that all Jewish schools, clubs and synagogues be searched immediately for arms which Pile asserted the Jews hid there for eventual use against the English people. The witnesses also testified that Pile called for the burning down of synagogues and that the audience took up the cry and also shouted: "Kill the Jews." Pile denied the charges and will call Scotland Yard officials to testify in his behalf. A Scotland Yard agent took shorthand notes of his entire speech at the meeting.

Left-wing M.P.'s will ask the government to take action against anti-Semitic activities in Britain, when Parliament reconvenes, it was learned today. Denis N. Pritt, Independent Labor, will urge the government to curb publications "glorifying Hitler," while Philip Piratin, Communist M.P., will demand a statement on attacks on synagogues and assurances that precautions have been taken to prevent repetition of such incidents.

DISPLACED JEWS IN U.S. ZONE VOTE FOR DELEGATES TO CONGRESS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

MUNICH, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews throughout the American zone of Germany voted today in elections for delegates to the zone-wide conference next month, which will elect a new Central Committee of the Liberated Jews in Germany. Six to nine delegates will be elected by every Jewish DP camp and most Jewish communities.

The inspector-general named by Army headquarters at Frankfurt to probe the charges and counter-charges around the arrest and alleged mistreatment of eight displaced Jews from the Landsberg camp opened his investigation yesterday at Landsberg. During the probe, which was requested by Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. armed forces in Europe, the DP's involved, as well as the UNRRA officials who were charged by the American constabulary with protecting them, will be questioned.

EIRE DONATES ONE MILLION POUNDS OF KOSHER MEAT TO DISPLACED JEWS IN CAMPS

DUBLIN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The government of the Irish Free State has donated 1,000,000 pounds of canned kosher meat for distribution among Jewish DP's in European camps, it was announced today.

This gift was decided upon following a visit to Dublin of Chief Rabbi Herzog, of Palestine, who, in his talks with cabinet members, described the plight of Jewish DP's and emphasized the shortage of kosher foods in the camps. The kosher meat sent by the Eire Government will be distributed among the inmates of camps by the Joint Distribution Committee.

BULGARIAN HEALTH MINISTRY ALLOCATES SUM FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF JEWISH HOSPITAL IN SOFIA

SOPIA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Ministry of Health has allocated 10,000,000 Levas (approximately \$35,000) toward the reconstruction of the Jewish Memorial Hospital in Sofia, it was revealed here today.

In addition, the ministry's 1947 budget provides for the purchase of supplies for the institution. Hospital equipment and medical supplies pledged by the Joint Distribution Committee have already arrived.

VIENNA JEWS DEMAND PROPERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEES IN AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY

VIENNA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community has issued a declaration demanding that the peace treaty with Austria include provisions for the protection of Jewish political, civic, religious and economic rights and for the return of confiscated property.

In its organ, "Jewish News," the Community published a list of 71 Nazis who are still living in Jewish homes. Asserting that the Austrian Government has not yet righted the wrongs done the Jews, the publication declares that of 1,200 apartments whose return has been demanded by the Jews, only 85 have been restored to the owners.

PEACE TREATIES WITH AXIS SATELLITES GUARANTEE RETURN OF JEWISH PROPERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The text of the peace treaties with Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Rumania, which contain clauses obligating Hungary and Rumania to restore heirless Jewish property to Jewish communities or organizations in those countries and obligating all four ex-satellites to guarantee human rights and basic freedoms regardless of race or religion, was released by the State Department during the week-end.

The clauses on securing human rights and fundamental freedoms in the treaties read:

"1. Rumania (Hungary, Finland and Bulgaria) shall take all measures to secure to all persons under Rumanian jurisdiction, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and of the fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, of press and publication, of religious worship, of political opinion and of public meeting.

"2. Rumania (etc.) further undertakes that the laws in force in Rumania shall not, either in their content or in their application, discriminate or entail any discrimination between persons of Rumanian nationality on the ground of their race, sex, language or religion whether in reference to their persons, property, business, professional or financial interests, status, political or civil rights or any other matter."

The article on return of property seized by the fascists to their former owners read:

"1. Rumania (and Hungary) undertakes that in all cases where the property, legal rights or interests in Rumania of persons under Rumanian jurisdiction have, since Sept. 1, 1939, been the subject of measures of sequestration, confiscation or control on account of the racial origin or religion of such persons, the said property, legal rights and interests shall be restored together with their accessories or, if restoration is impossible, that fair compensation shall be made therefore.

"2. All property, rights and interests in Rumania of persons, organizations or communities which, individually or as members of groups, were the object of racial, religious or other fascist measures of persecution, and remaining heirless or unclaimed for six months after the coming into force of the present Treaty, shall be transferred by the Rumanian Government to organizations in Rumania representative of such persons, organizations or communities. The property transferred shall be used by such organizations for purposes of relief and rehabilitation of surviving members of such groups, organizations and communities in Rumania. Such transfer shall be effected within twelve months from the coming into force of the Treaty, and shall include property, rights and interests required to be restored under paragraph 1 of this article."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE PROTESTS ATTACKS BY BRITISH CONSULAR OFFICIALS ON U.S. JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A protest against activities of British Consular officials who are charged with using their official position to "sow discord between American Jews and their neighbors" has been lodged with the State Department by the American Jewish Conference. The organization drew attention to recent statements of two British consular officials.

In a letter signed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the Conference, it was pointed out that Eric Carvell, British Consul General at Los Angeles, had, in the course of an address before a local church meeting, delivered an attack upon our government and groups of American citizens because of their expressions of sympathy for the persecuted Jews in Europe and Palestine. Carvell is also charged with characterizing Jews as "trouble makers."

According to sworn statements received from Minneapolis, Joseph Robinson, British Consul in that city, is also charged with attacking the Jews. Robinson, the Conference letter stated, in the course of an address before the X.W.O.A. at Minneapolis, Jan. 2, referred to the "irresponsible American press which is under the influence of the Zionists in this country."

DRIVE FOR MATZOHS AND OTHER PASSOVER SUPPLIES FOR EUROPEAN JEWS LAUNCHED BY UJA IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A special drive to raise funds to provide matzohe and other Passover necessities for 1,000,000 needy Jews in Europe was proclaimed today at the initial meeting of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Nearly 1,000 delegates, representing 750,000 members of benevolent and fraternal organizations in this area, attended.

The delegates heard Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafran of Rumania, who arrived here several days ago, describe how during the war many Rumanian Jews ate only fruit and nuts during the Passover period, because matzohe and other Passover supplies were not available, while others hoarded the pitiful amount of flour they were able to purchase and used it to bake matzohe in caves and cellars. Other speakers included Dr. Leon Bernstein, general secretary of the Jewish Refugee Organization in Italy, Dr. Frederick George, president of the Jewish Refugee Committee in Hungary, and Chaplain Abraham Klausner, who worked with the Jewish DP's in Germany.

FEDERATION FOR POLISH JEWS LAUNCHES \$3,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR POLISH JEWISH RELIEF

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A \$3,000,000 drive for aid to Jews in Poland and Polish Jewish refugees in other countries was launched here tonight by the American Federation for Polish Jews at a dinner at the Astor Hotel. Speakers at the dinner included Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the United Nations, Deputy-Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, Frank Kingdon, co-chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America, and Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the Federation.

JACOB FISHMAN BURIED IN PALESTINE; U.S. ZIONIST LEADER DIED AT BASEL CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Jacob Fishman, American Zionist leader and editorial columnist of the Jewish Morning Journal, who died in Basel while attending the World Zionist Congress, was buried today on the Mount of Olives. A representative of the American consulate, leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council and delegates of the Jewish Journalists Association attended the burial services. Mr. Fishman's body arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday from Switzerland.